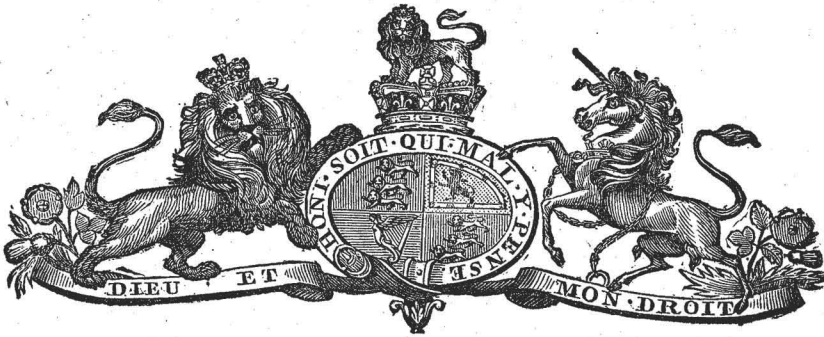


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AN ACT to enable the Governor to fulfil certain Agree- Title.
ments made with Aboriginal Natives, and to execute
Grants to them of certain Lands in the Province of
Wellington, and for other Purposes.

[22nd September, 1873.]

WHEREAS disputes have been for some time pending between Preamble.
the Government of the Colony and certain persons of the
Aboriginal Native race who claimed to be proprietors of
certain lands in the districts of Rangitikei and Manawatu, in the
Province of Wellington: And whereas certain of such disputes were
some time since adjusted by Isaac Earl Featherston, and certain other
of the said disputes were some time since adjusted by the Honorable
Donald McLean, acting for the said Government, and it was agreed
that certain lands in the said districts should be granted by the Crown
to certain Natives in fee-simple, and that certain other lands should
be reserved for the benefit of certain Natives: And whereas it is
expedient that an Act should be passed for the purpose of giving
effect to the arrangements so agreed upon:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New
Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same,
as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Rangitikei-Mana- Short Title.
watu Crown Grants Act, 1873."

Rangitikei-Manawatu Crown Grants.

Governor empowered to fulfil agreements.

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor to fulfil and carry into effect the agreements hereinbefore mentioned in reference to the said lands, whether such agreements are evidenced by any writing or not.

Grants may be issued of lands agreed to be granted in fee-simple.

3. For the purpose of carrying out the intention of this Act it shall be lawful for the Governor to issue grants from the Crown of the lands agreed to be granted in fee-simple to the several persons in the opinion of the Governor entitled to the same.

Reserves.

4. The Governor is hereby also authorized and empowered to reserve or grant the said lands agreed to be reserved for such purposes and for the benefit of such Natives, and to be granted to such persons and on such terms and conditions and subject to such restrictions on alienation as he may from time to time think fit.

Arbitrator appointed to decide compensation due to Province of Wellington.

5. The Honorable Sir Francis Dillon Bell is hereby appointed to be arbitrator, to consider and decide what compensation (if any) shall be paid to the Province of Wellington on account of such lands so taken and awarded to the Natives under promises or arrangements made by the Honorable Donald McLean.

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND:

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